

PREPARING FOR WAR.

WHILE THERE IS TALK OF PEACE,
PREPARATIONS FOR HOSTILITIES IN
THE TRANSVAAL GO ON.

While the news from London and from the Transvaal varies from day to day, now indicating the peaceful solution of the difficulty and again presaging war, the military authorities on both sides are bustling with active preparations for a conflict. The British are strengthening their defences in South Africa and are rusting reinforcements to points of strategic importance.

When the mail for Great Britain left Cape Town on August 15, the hurried despatch of the Foreign Office in London, he married Lily, daughter of the King's (Liverpool) Regiment from the camp

A GREAT RUSSIAN FAILURE.

THE RISE AND FALL OF THE VAST BUSINESS OF PAUL DERWIES—MANY INDUSTRIES UNDER ONE MAN'S MANAGEMENT.

Russia has recently been shaken to its centre by the failure of several immense business concerns. Their unexpected collapse has brought about a financial crisis that may result in serious and widespread disaster. The principal men involved in ruin are Paul von Derwies and Sawa Mamontow. The former was supposed to be worth about \$60,000,000 rubles and the latter from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 rubles, or about \$45,000,000 and \$22,500,000 to \$30,000,000 respectively.



THE CRISIS IN THE TRANSVAAL: INSPECTION BY THE COMMANDANT OF THE ASSEMBLED "COMMANDO" OF BOERS IN THE MARKET PLACE OF A DORP.

(From a sketch supplied by Mrs. Searele, of Johannesburg.)

at Wynberg to the Natal command was still a subject of eager talk. The Donald Currie liner Braemar Castle was requisitioned by the Government for the conveyance of the Mounted Infantry horses and for the mules of the transport service, as well as for a large quantity of stores and ammunition. A downpour of rain at the moment of the embarkation of the men of the King's on board the Braemar Castle did not seem to dampen their spirits. Moored beside the Braemar Castle was the United States cruiser

PROSPECTORS RETURN POOR.

SURVIVORS OF EDMONTON TRAIL COMBINE DOWN STICKEN RIVER

Wrangell, Alaska, Sept. 10, via Seattle, Wash.—Sept. 16.—The Sticken River summer Straitsmen has arrived with sixty-seven survivors of the Edmonton trail. The majority of them are without means. They will be shipped to Puget Sound at the expense of the United States Government. About fifty of them will go to Seattle to-morrow on the steamer Alki. Many are suffering from the effects of scurvy. Their stories of hardship and suffering in their eighteen months on the trail are similar to those which have been related by the men who have preceded them. No new fatalities are reported. It is thought that at least seventy-five prospectors are still on the trail. They will have to come down the Sticken in small boats, as the low stage of water will prevent the Straitsmen from making another trip this year.

Among today's arrivals were S. F. Parker, of Bridgeton, N. J.; G. B. Parker of Bridgeton, N. J.; J. Suble Ford, of Manchester, England; A. B. Rosstrum, of New York; J. Holmes of Philadelphia; J. W. Durey, of Ohio; W. Garrett, of Philadelphia; C. W. McPherson, of Philadelphia; L. B. Cole, of Philadelphia; and G. Deloria, of Philadelphia.

CRIPPLED BY SCURVY.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 16.—Gerald Petre, first cousin of Lord Petre, of Ely, England, and next of kin and heir to the Petre estates in England, arrived here from Alaska to-day, a helpless cripple. His entire left side is paralyzed from scurvy.

ANOTHER ALASKAN RAILROAD

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 16.—Alfred Day, representing a Philadelphia syndicate, is shipping men and material to Alaska for the construction of the second railroad in that territory. The road is to be driven inland from the coast, and will connect with the development of twenty-five thousand acres of coal lands on Kachemak Bay, Cook Inlet.

SYRIAN TELLS OF PLOT TO KILL SULTAN.

Cincinnati, Sept. 16.—Abraham Dahrouge, a Syrian now in jail here, has made the statement that he knows of a plot to kill the Sultan of Turkey. The

fifth Earl of Courtown. Seven years later he changed to the Diplomatic Service; and, after various experiences in European Courts, he went to Pretoria in 1890, receiving a year later the recognition of a Commandership of the Bath.

The bankruptcy of Derwies, says the St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Berliner Tageblatt," may have serious effects on the industries of Russia, since the immense capital of this firm was a leading factor in many most widely diverse undertakings. Should the Derwies enterprises be finally liquidated thousands of clerks and workmen would be thrown out of work. It is of interest to note the origin and history of this vast property. Its cornerstone was the Moscow-Krasnoufimsk Railroad and its branch lines, which were built by the father of the recently bankrupted Derwies and brought him in his first \$30,000,000 rubles. Closely connected with this undertaking was a vast fleet plying on the Volga and the Caspian Sea. A great steamship line on the Volga, which had been founded in 1813, was practically in bankruptcy when it fell into Derwies's hands, and, flourishing under his management, became a prosperous enterprise. In order to make his own engines he established a great machine shop, and soon afterward the largest cement manufactory in Russia, and an insurance company. Later Derwies started a great oil business in Baku, another big railroad line, and finally a great bank of his own, which financed all these undertakings and made large profits. All these gigantic enterprises were governed by and dependent on one man's will. One concern supported another, one afforded employment and profits to another. Thus this mighty group of diverse business enterprises, probably unique in the whole of Europe, all in the hands of one man, each protecting and reinforcing the others, seemed to be safe from all danger so long as all were managed with one purpose and on a sound basis.

When the elder Derwies died the property he left amounted to \$10,000,000 rubles, or \$90,000,000, half of which went to his son Paul and the other half was divided between his widow, Wjera Nikolskewna, and the younger son, Stergiel Paulowitch von Derwies. A large part of these two shares may have remained involved in the mass of Paul Derwies's affairs and may have gone to ruin with them. Yet Wjera Nikolskewna and Stergiel Derwies still possess property valued at many millions that was otherwise invested and is not affected by the failure.

Paul Derwies the younger knew absolutely nothing about the business and the colossal organization that he was suddenly put at the head of. As a junior officer of the Guards, with an income of, say, \$1,125,000 a year, he had no other interests than for horses and dissipation, and was quite satisfied that he had found for the management of his colossal estate an energetic and careful agent, according to all appearances, in the person of Colonel Andrei Alexandrovitch Pomeranzev. So he thought he had no need to bother himself about it personally. "Handsome Paul" lived only for his pleasures, and let Pomeranzev manage the business according to his own ideas. In Moscow young Derwies became so enamoured of one of his flings that he married her. This episode had serious results. The young woman one day found in Mme. Derwies's conduct cause for separating from her. He took the affair by no means tragically. On the contrary, he was glad to be free of the lady, and, after the divorce had been decreed, gave her \$1,000,000 rubles in cash and sent her on her way. The unpleasant experience, however, had its effect on Derwies's mental condition. He closed his splendid St. Petersburg palace on the English quay, with the famous ceilings by Makowski, for which the artist received the pretty sum of \$300,000 rubles, and betook himself to his magnificent country seat, Starshilovo, where the farming operations brought in an annual deficit of \$200,000 rubles. Here the millionaire lived only for his horses. The stable in Starshilovo is said to be a palace.

In the mean time Pomeranzev was managing the millions and at first undoubtedly with the greatest success. Many new enterprises were started in which Pomeranzev invested Derwies's capital. In the financial circles of St. Petersburg the manager of the Derwies estate was held in the highest esteem on account of his enormous capacity for work and the great compasses of his knowledge. The whole of the gigantic group of industries controlled by Derwies he managed with a firm hand, and there is no doubt that at first, notwithstanding the enormous extravagances of the possessor of the fortune, the fortune grew. For twelve years Pomeranzev stood, admired, envied and hated, at the head of this business, which every one supposed to be in the most perfect condition.

Like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, therefore, came the news the other day that Derwies had died not long ago revealing his conspirators' names, but that they are now revealing high explosives, with a view to their use to accomplish the purpose. The millionaire is charged with obtaining two typewriters by false pretences. He has said he is in communication with the Consul General of the German Empire, and has exhibited letters from that official.

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English porcelain dinner sets with brown border decoration, gold edges, formerly sold at \$18.00, we are now closing this lot out at \$12.00 for 127 pieces complete.

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Artistic, handsomely and deeply cut sugar and creamer, ordinarily would sell at \$3.00, special at \$3.75 set.

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New pattern in heavy, richly cut salad bowls, which ordinarily would sell at \$6.00, special at \$3.25 each.

These bowls we consider better value than those similarly sold at this price.

VIENNA PLATES.

250 dozen Vienna plates, a direct importation, have just been received. The centres are in figure, flor or cupid decorations, with clouded effect. The shoulder of plate is cream body with edge in lustre effect, two gold lines on edge and raised gold on shoulder of plate. We will see these at the special price of.

Dessert size.....75c. each.

Bread and butter size...50c. each.

DEWEY SOUVENIR PLATE.



A souvenir both useful and ornamental is the Dewey Souvenir Plate, made in England of Coalport china, blue and white decoration, with a correct picture of Dewey in the centre, with appropriate border decoration. These plates have recently been sold at \$2.25 each; special at this time at.....\$1.65 each.

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and, or has uttered it before or since. To McLaughlin I afforded a splendid opportunity to range himself on the side of the people and against the Tammany ring, but he declined to avail himself of it. The present city administration has been thoroughly discredited by the non-action of these men.

I really got more out of Croker and Van Wyck than I expected. Thousands of respectable Democrats who blushed at the idea that their leaders would countenance this dirty Tammany job had been stung, and wait till Croker gets home, he will denounce the conspirators, and just wait till Van Wyck is on the stand; he will clear his skirts of all the mud; but when they came to the stand they did nothing of the kind.

The committee has been criticised for allowing Croker and Van Wyck and Holahan to use such abusive and contemptuous language to the commissioners, and it is urged that they be removed. It can only eject them from the room. But ejecting these men will not suit our purpose, which is to examine them. Therefore I have not tried to open their boorishness with like boorishness, but only with quiet patience, and I find that serves our purpose better.

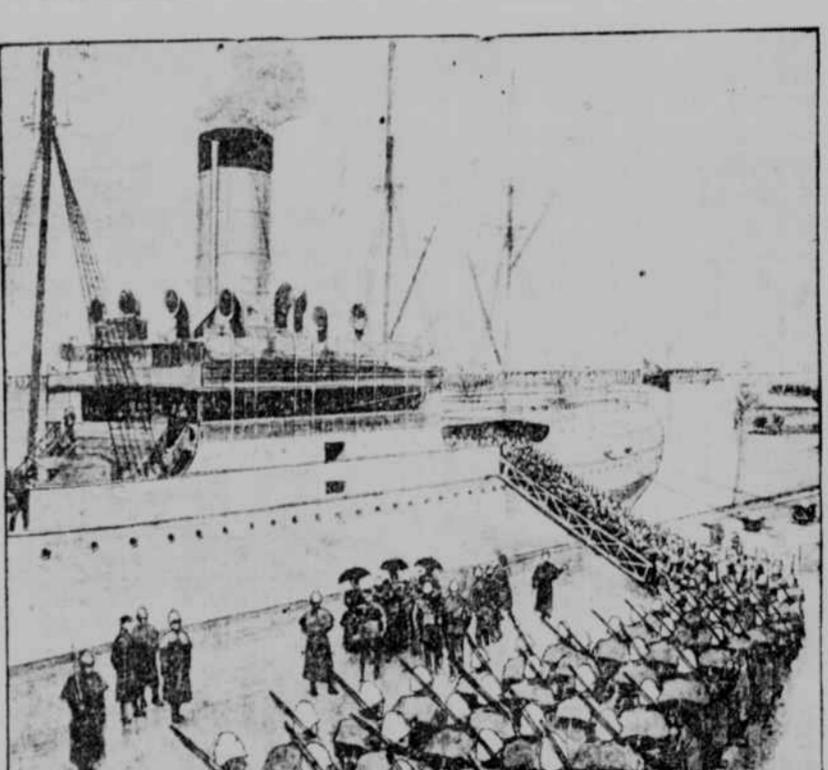
I think the evidence also showed that the citizens of New York are not living under a municipal oligarchy, but a genuine democracy, because they are ruled entirely by appointive and not elective officers. The Mayor has appointed practically all the police force, and has in fact abdicated his office. He has in fact abdicated his office to the police, and will not even advise his Commissioners. Yet these same Commissioners are leaders in Tammany Hall, and get their instructions at the Democratic Club.

As to the third point which we set out to uncover—the politicians who were to be benefited by the job—could not be expected that we could accomplish that right away. That is a difficult task because there are so many ways of covering up their tracks. But there is plenty of time for that. Next week we shall pursue the same line of inquiry, and Mr. Dutcher, Mr. Launerbach, Mr. Ingraham and the Tammany Water Company's stock book may yet furnish us with the needed clew.

Frank Platt, Mr. Moss said, had really nothing to do with the Tammany matter, but he put him on the stand to give Mr. Hoffman a chance to use his probe and develop whatever he could.

PACKING HOUSE BURNED IN SEATTLE.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 15.—The packing house of the Frye-Bruce Company was destroyed by fire early this morning, with all contents. The total loss is estimated at \$10,000, which is covered by \$5,000 insurance. The fire broke out in one of the smoke houses.



EMBARKATION OF THE KING'S LIVERPOOL REGIMENT AT CAPE TOWN EN ROUTE FOR NATAL.

—From The Illustrated London News.

Union and the Nebraska Independent Printing Company.

The Masonic Temple, which stood across the alley, was a three-story brick structure, with a high tower. The building was completely gutted. Besides the Masonic lodges which lost everything, this building contained the City Public Library of 16,000 volumes, the Woodward Printing Company and the office of "The Evening Post," the losses being practically total and amounting to \$50,000.

The fire spread from the Masonic Temple to St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, one of the prettiest buildings in the city, which was destroyed. The Webster Block, valued at \$10,000, was also destroyed. Among the tenants of this block was the Elite Studio, the loss on which was \$1,000. Other buildings destroyed in the vicinity, with their contents, brought the total loss to approximately \$70,000.

MAY BE STRIKE ON CHICAGO POSTOFFICE.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—The Building Trades Council has adopted a vote of confidence in M. J. Sullivan, chairman of the Strike Committee on the new postoffice work. It voted that no masonry work of any sort be done on the building until the stone cutting is stopped, and it gave favorable consideration to a report that there should be a strike of the archers and other street decorators because non-union electricians have been employed.

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chief conspirators in the scheme have been in Chicago and later in Indianapolis. Dahrouge says he dares not now reveal the conspirators' names, but that they are now plotting high explosives, with a view to their use to accomplish the purpose. Dahrouge is charged with obtaining two typewriters by false pretences. He has